

MINUTES OF MEETING  
RUSH RIVER WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT  
CASS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT  
WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA  
APRIL 15, 2014

The Rush River Water Resource District met on April 15, 2014, at 8:00 a.m. at the Cass County Highway Department, West Fargo, North Dakota.

Present were Raymond Wolfer, Chairman; William A. Hejl, Manager; Dick Sundberg, Manager; Carol Harbeke Lewis, Secretary-Treasurer; Brittany C. Moen, Administrative Assistant; Lukas D. Andrud, Attorney for the Board; Mike Opat, Engineer for the Board; Rick Anderson and Mike Anderson, farm operators in Empire Township; David Baumler, Todd Weber and Mark Weber, property owners in Empire Township; Lloyd Knight and Herb Ulmer, property owners in Amenias Township.

**Drain tile in the SW 1/4 of Section 10 in Empire Township – Todd Weber**

Todd and Mark Weber expressed their concern with the installation of drain tile in the SW 1/4 of Section 10 in Empire Township. Rick and Mike Anderson indicated they are installing less than 80 acres of tile so a permit is not required. David Baumler is concerned about silt buildup as a result of the drain tile out-letting into the same township ditch as a tile project installed last fall. Manager Hejl said that the Water Resource District Attorney will look into the matter to determine if the two separate drain tile projects, which outlet into the same ditch, would require a permit.

The installation of a tile main to alleviate the issue of sand and silt buildup was discussed. Mike Anderson said they proposed that, but did not hear back from neighboring landowners. Todd Weber said he was contacted by the drain tile installation company working for the Anderson's. They would be in favor of installing a main and he suggested they discuss it.

Manager Hejl reminded those present that the Board's main concern is being sure work that requires permits has been permitted. He recommended to both parties that they apply for a dike permit if they wish to redirect water to township road ditches.

**Amenias Township Improvement District No. 75**

Herb Ulmer informed the Board that he spoke with landowners about Amenias Township Improvement District No. 75, and they are not in favor of the project.

### **Amenia Township Improvement District No. 74**

Mr. Ulmer said there is frequently standing water in the southeast corner of the NE 1/4 in Section 17 of Amenias Township. Brady Woodard will meet with Mr. Ulmer, as well as other landowners in the area to discuss any issues with the project.

### **Drain #30 Improvements**

The Board reviewed a letter from the Corps of Engineers regarding the Drain #30 inlet into the Metro Flood Diversion Project. The outlet would provide adequate capacity to extend the drain to Cass County Highway 11. Additional minutes are attached hereto.

Mike Opat will get the average amount the Diversion Authority will be paying for right-of-way in the area. The Board stressed the importance of fairness to the landowners.

### **Drain #52 Improvements**

Mr. Opat updated the Board on the Drain #52 Improvements Project. He said the drain has not been surveyed to establish a profile, due to snow. He hopes to have a drain profile developed for the next meeting.

### **Amenias Township detention**

Mr. Baumler indicated interest in a potential detention site on his property. The Board directed Mr. Opat to look into detention at that site. The matter will be discussed further at a future meeting.

### **Rush River Snagging and Clearing**

The Board discussed Rush River Snagging and Clearing. Mr. Woodard will provide a map of work completed to-date and will discuss additional work needed at the next meeting.

### **Drain inspections**

The Board directed Mr. Woodard to inspect Rush River Water Resource District facilities. Mr. Woodard will discuss the findings with the Board at a future meeting.

### **Minutes**

It was moved by Manager Hejl, seconded by Manager Sundberg and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2014, meeting, as presented.

### **Bills**

It was moved by Manager Hejl and seconded by Manager Sundberg to approve payment of Checks #3910 through #3921 and the electronic funds transfer, as presented. Upon roll call vote, the following Managers voted in favor: Wolfer, Hejl and Sundberg. The Chairman declared the motion passed.

**Berlin Township meeting**

Chairman Wolfer was present at the Berlin Township meeting held last night and informed the Board that Berlin Township officials are interested in installing a new intercept culvert under the township road between Sections 27 and 34, to bring water into the Rush River.

It was moved by Manager Hejl and seconded by Manager Sundberg to proceed with the installation of a new intercept culvert under the township road between Sections 27 and 34 of Berlin Township, contingent on following Water Resource District policy. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to be considered by the Board, it was moved by Manager Hejl, seconded by Manager Sundberg and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED:

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Raymond Wolfer  
Chairman

ATTEST:

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Carol Harbeke Lewis  
Secretary-Treasurer